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SUBJECT: FISHERIES TRADE

1. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE YOU SOME INFORMATION FOR
YOUR MEETING IN KODIAK APRIL 19-22. HOWEVER, UNTIL THE
ONGOING JAPAN-USSR FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS ARE COMPLETED
IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO GET JAPANESE INDUSTRY TO COMMIT
AN INTEREST IN IMPORTING FISHERY PRODUCTS. THE FOLLOWING
IS FROM A RECENT ISSUE OF JAPAN TIMES WHICH CONCERNS FISHERY
IMPORTS INTO JAPAN "SOME JAPANESE TRADING HOUSES AND FISHERY
FIRMS HAVE BEEN WARNED NOT TO NEGOTIATE PRIVATELY WITH THE
SOVIET UNION AND OTHER NATIONS ON FISH IMPORTS. THAT WAS
MADE OFFICIAL IN THE LOWER HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE FRIDAY
BY MAKOTO OKAYASU, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FISHERY AGENCY.
OKAYASU TOLD THE DIET THAT PRIVATE NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT
AFFECT JAPANESE CATCH QUOTAS IN THE 200-MILE ECONOMIC
ZONES OF SOME NATIONS AND WARNED THAT THIS WOULD NOT
BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE NATION'S FISHERY
INDUSTRY. IMPORTS OF CERTAIN SPECIES OF FISH, SUCH
AS ALASKA POLLACK, ARE AMONG ITEMS STILL REGULATED
BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT. OKAYASU TOLD THE LOWER
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HOUSE PANEL THAT THE OUTCOME OF PRIVATE NEGOTIATIONS
COULD LOWER CATCH QUOTAS AND RESULT IN HIGHER CONSUMER
PRICES FOR FISH."

2. AGREEMENTS WHICH WILL REGULATE JAPANESE FISHING
IN THE SOVIET 200-MILE ZONE SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY
ABOUT MID-APRIL. SO WE CANNOT BE OPTIMISTIC THAT WE

CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH THE KIND OF INFORMATION YOU
NEED IN TIME FOR YOUR MEETING. NEVERTHELESS, WE WILL DO
OUR BEST.

3. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS HAVE STARTED ON ARRANGING
A FISHERY TRADE MISSION TO COME TO JAPAN IN EITHER
LATE SPRING OR EARLY FALL. WE WILL BE WRITING TO
YOU LATER ON THIS. PERHAPS A KODIAK REPRESENTATIVE
SHOULD BE ON THIS TRADE MISSION.
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